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S E C R E T STOCKHOLM 3212

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS, SREF, ET, SW
SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY

REF: STOCKHOLM 3171, STOCKHOLM 3206, ADDIS ABABA 45673 AND PREVIOUS

1. MR. AND MRS. COLLINS CAME TO EMBASSY AUG 3 TO DISCUSS
VISAS FOR CHILDREN OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY WITH CHARGE AND
CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION HASSETT.
2. COLLINSES AND CHILDREN ARE ALL IN GOOD SHAPE WITH
EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATIONS AND UNDER NO PRESSURE. HOWEVER,
THEY ARE DESIROUS OF GOING ON TO US AS QUICKLY AND WITH AS
FEW SIDETRIPS AS POSSIBLE, SINCE THEY FEAR PUBLICITY MAY
ATTRACT ATTENTION OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND PUT CHILDREN
IN PERIL. (THEY NOW HAVE TICKETS TO SAN FRANCISCO AND WOULD
LIKE TO TAKE DIRECT PANAM FLIGHT TO STOCKHOLM-SF IF OTHER
PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED.)

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3. COLLINSES HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
CHILDREN AND ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING
THEM. IN ANY EVENT, THEY ARE SEEKING SIMPLEST AND MOST
EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO GAIN ENTRY FOR THE CHILDREN TO THE
US, AND ARE CONSIDERING APPLYING FOR REFUGEE STATUS
THROUGH INS IN FRANKFURT OR BRUSSELS.

4. THE EMBASSY IS NOT INFORMED AS TO POSSIBLE POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS OF THIS CASE AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE. JUDGING BY HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, IT WOULD SEEM TO US ADVISABLE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP THE COLLINSES AND CHILDREN GET TO THE US AS RAPIDLY AND AS EASILY AS POSSIBLE. IF THEY ARE TO BE ADMITTED TO THE US, IT WOULD SEEM TO US STRONGLY ADVISABLE TO AVOID THE COMPLICATIONS AND POSSIBLE PHYSICAL DANGER INVOLVED IN GETTING VISAS FOR GERMANY OR BELGIUM AND TRAVELING THERE IN ORDER TO SEE INS. IF POSSIBLE, WE COULD DO THE NECESSARY WORK HERE, PERHAPS WITH A BRIEF VISIT BY AN INS OFFICIAL FROM FRANKFURT IF NEEDED.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON REFUGEE STATUS FOR THE CHILDREN, AND ALSO THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT ON POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF NIVS TO MOVE THE CHILDREN TO THE US UNTIL MORE DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

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